

Commission which they cannot dispose of but for ready Cash—nor does it appear that they or Mr. Hillborn (who has not yet begun to do business) have power to procure a Credit for us—the reason is that the Goods holders are chiefly foreigners. none of the former Merchants of this place have yet got a supply except such as purchased in this Country & consequently cannot sell on terms suitable to us—Mr. Stanly offers me every Service in his power & tells Me He thinks I may obtain a Credit for three or four Months to the amount we wish but not longer—the Goods he sent to Carolina were bought on the same terms—the price of Tobacco is at a stand no person seems desirous of purchasing perhaps I may be able (if it proves to be of the first quality in their [2] estimation) to obtain 60/ but scarcely hope to get more than 50/ or 55/ Pr. 100 by the inclosed prices Current you will find that Naval Stores will answer very well at this Market which circumstance together with the improbability of obtaining such a Credit as we wish will induce me to wait at this place after dispatching the Brig until you inform me whether you will send me another Vessel load of them—Mr Barr gave me the prices Current & thinks there's not a doubt but the market will keep up some months—I landed at New York & stayed there one day—Tobacco is there worth 7<sup>d</sup>. & perhaps 8<sup>d</sup>. pr w<sup>t</sup> might be obtained in Cash for which, some Goods, tho' not well assorted may be bought at the Cost including insurance Commission &c. I also inclose you the prices Current at that place given me by a Mr. Cary Vendue Master who appears to be a very clever man & well acquainted with business [3] I have it in contemplation to sell my Naval Stores here for Cash & send the Brig round there with the Tobacco unless I can get a Credit here—but cannot fully determine on the matter before I make a more accurate calculation of the expences which must necessarily be incurred—I am now in haste the Brig I write by is this moment ready to sail. I will write the day after tomorrow by post—Let me hear from you soon—write Me [how] my Son is<sup>69</sup>—& believe me  
as heretofore

THO<sup>s</sup>. BLOUNT

P. S.

A Tolerable assortment of such Goods as will suit us cannot be got of any one man in this place or at New York—The common wholesale Cash price is £190 Currency for £100 Sterling & for

<sup>69</sup>He probably refers to one of his wards. He did have one child, who died at birth or soon afterward.